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SUBJ: SOVIET RUMORS ON KIANGSI SITUATION

1. SOVIET EMBOFFS HAVE BEEN PEDDLING TALE THAT DELAY IN CONVENING KIANGSI PROVINCIAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS WAS ATTIBUTABLE TO FIERCE FACTIONAL INFIGHTING IN THAT PROVINCE. SOVIETS CLAIM THAT PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN WANG TUNG-HSING, A NATIVE OF KIANGSI, BACKED ONE SLATE OF CANDIDATES TO THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE AND TO THE 5TH NATIONAL PEOPLE'S CONGRESS IN OPPOSITION TO ANOTHER SLATE SUPPORTED BY OTHER UNSPECIFIED POLITBURO FIGURES SINCE BOTH SIDES COMMANDED APPROXIMATELY EUQAL CLOUT, THE SOVIETS ASSERT, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO HOLD THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS PRIOR TO FEBRUARY. THE SOVIETS DO NOT INDICATE WHICH GROUP, IF ANY, WON OUT IN THE STRUGGLE.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE UNAWARE OF ANY EVIDENCE WHICH MIGHT SUGGEST AN ESPECIALLY TROUBLED SITUATION IN KIANGSI. TO THE CONTRARY
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THE INCUMBENT LEADERSHIP IN KIANGSI SEEMS TO HAVE SURVIVED THE PROVINCIAL CONGRESS IN NUMBERS COMPARABLE TO OR BETTER THAN IN OTHER PROVINCES. WE ARE ALSO UNAWARE THAT WANG TUNG-HSING, HIS ORIGINS NOTWITHSTANDING, HAS MAINTAINED ANY STRONG FACTIONAL NETWORK IN KIANGSI.
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